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1. MEETING WITH KUDRYAVTSEVA AND LURYE REPORTED REF A ALSO PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR NEXT ROUND OF DISCUSSION OF LITERARY SEMINAR.

2. EMBOFF EXPLAINED THAT NORMAN COUSINS AND KENNAN INSTITUTE NOW LIKELY TO SERVE AS U.S. CO-SPONSORS OF LITERARY SEMINAR, AS PER RDF B. EMBOFF THEN OUTLINED POSSIBLE STRUCTURE FOR VISIT-SEMINAR, AS NOW ENVISAGED BY U.S. SIDE, DRAWING ON PARA 3 REF C. SOVIET REACTION WAS POSITIVE.

3. EMBOFF INDICATED U.S. SIDE PROPOSED TO HAVE SEVEN PERSONS PARTICIPATE IN VISIT-SEMINAR, AS PER PARA 4 REF C, AND ADDED THAT QUESTION OF HOW PARTICIPANTS ON EACH SIDE ARE TO BE CHOSEN SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. EMBOFF REMINDED KUDRYAVTSEVA THAT SHE HAD EARLIER INDICATED THAT IT WAS HOPE OF JOURNAL OF FOREIGN LIT.

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THAT PARTICIPATING AMERICAN AUTHORS WOULD BE DRAWN

FROM THOSE WHO HAVE HAD THEIR WORKS PUBLISHED IN THE USSR AND EXPLAINED THAT US SIDE ALSO HAD PREFERENCES. EMBOFF THEN GAVE KUDRYAVSEVA ALPHABETICAL LIST OF WRITERS' NAMES CONTAINED IN STARR-RICHMOND LETTER OF AUGUST 12, INDICATING THAT WRITERS WERE THOSE FROM WHICH U.S. SIE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOVIET PARTICIPANTS CHOSEN. KUDRYAVTSEVA AND LURYE BOTH REPLIED THAT THEY SAW NO REPEAT NO PROBLEMS WITH THE LIST. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT FULLY CONFIDENT THAT THIS SOLVES PROBLEM OF DELEGATION COMPOSITION WE JUDGE REACTION AS POSITIVE SIGN THAT SOVIETS ARE AT LEAST WILLING TO DISCUSS MATTER IN CONSTRUCTIVE FASHION.

4. KUDRYAVTSEVA REMINDED EMBOFF THAT IT HAD BEEN PROPOSED OF FOREIGN LIT. THAT FIRST VISIT-SEMINAR IN WHAT WAS HOPEFULLY TO BE SERIES OF SUCH CONTACTS WOULD BRING U.S. DELEGATION TO USSR. NEVERTHELESS, EMB SUGGESTS THAT STARR AND COUSINS NOW FORWARD VIA EMBASSY TO FEDERENKO AS EDITOR OF JOURNAL OF FOREIGN LITERATURE LETTER OUTLINING IN DETAIL PROGRAM FOR POSSIBLE VISIT-SEMINAR AND GIVING EXAMPLES OF TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING SEMINAR. LETTER SHOULD ALSO SPECIFY POSSIBLE DATES FOR VISIT. EMB ALSO SUGGESTS THAT LETTER SPECIFICALLY REQUEST THAT T.A. KUDRYAVTSEVA BE PREPARED TO MEET WITH STARR AND COUSINS TO WORK OUT DETAILS DURING HER UPCOMING VISIT IN CONNECTION WITH TRANSLATORS' DELEGATION.

5. FEDERENKO WILL RETURN FROM VACATION O/A NOVEMBER

6. ACCORDING TO KUDRYAVTSEVA. REQUEST LETTER BE PREPARED AND FORWARDED TO MOSCOW VIA POUCH FOR DELIVERY DURING WEEK OF NOVEMBER 8.
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